

St. Casimir's Roman Catholic Church,  
Rectory II  
Cambria City Neighborhood  
501 Power Street  
Johnstown  
Cambria County  
Pennsylvania

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Location: 501 Power Street, corner 5th Avenue, Cambria City, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: A large and impressive house, two-and-a-half stories. The basement and first story have a stone block finish while the upper stories are plastered. Rectangular plan, 42' x 73'. Single, paired and tripartite flat-arched windows throughout. The horizontality of the building is stressed between the basement and first story by a deep watertable, and between the first and second stories by a molded string course, which rises to form a gable pediment over the large round-headed entrance on Power Street. The hipped roof is almost screened by two tall gable wall dormers which front onto Power Street and three which face onto 5th Ave.

History: This rectory is the second built by the parish of Saint Casimir. On February 27, 1911, two lots were purchased from John Ignatz and John Bombera for the site of the new rectory, at a total cost of \$4,500. The architect was Walter Myton (1872-1929), a prominent local architect. The building was completed in September 1912 and Father Dembinski moved in, leaving the old rectory to be occupied by the nuns. This building is still used as the rectory.

### Sources

"Cambria County Historic Site Survey, Johnstown Inventory," Redevelopment Authority of Cambria County, 1981.

Golden Anniversary pamphlet, St. Casimir's Church, 1952.

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